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Reported POL Movements into Foochow Area

There is now evidence available in Washington to indicate that the Chinese Communists were shipping significant amounts of POL supplies into the Foochow area during May and early June. A US Army cable of 24 June 1/ from Hong Kong reports the sighting on 19-20 May of 50 tank trucks and about 50 trucks carrying fuel drums moving towards Foochow on the Shangjao-Foochow road. In addition to the small tanker reportedly sighted in Foochow during the first half of May, an LST sighted there during May or early June was reported to have possibly unloaded drummed POL. 2/ US photo interpretation reports that fuel drums were seen in the area of the Lung T'ien airfield on 6 June. 3/

Prior to and during the period covered in these reports, there have been unusually large shipments of empty POL drums down the Yangtze River to Shanghai from which point drums can be filled and shipped into the East China coastal area either by rail and road or by water. [REDACTED] 25X1

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If these reports of POL shipments into the Foochow area are correct, and the shipments were destined for airfield use, the Chinese Communists would now have sufficient stockpiles at Nan T'ai and Lung T'ien to make these fields operational. 25X1

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